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FROM []	DATE 12 February 1963		RE "43" - (CHECK "X" ONE)
SUBJECT REDWOOD TREAS [] and the Soviet Study Group	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY		
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REFERENCES A. OSSA-11861, 2 November 1962 B. OSSA-11948, 11 December 1962 C. OSSW-7682, 30 January 1963 D. OSSA-11581, 29 June 1962			
<p>1. We very much appreciate the material forwarded with Reference C, and are almost sure that we can say the same for []. It appears to be exactly in line with his interests. At the last meeting, which was held just prior to the receipt of Reference C on 4 February, () seemed to be in far better humor concerning FBPRIME, and only came out with an occasional back-handed swipe at its policies. Of far greater concern to him for the moment were DeGaulle and Adenauer, whose Machiavellian secret alliances to rule over Europe would probably succeed because of FBPRIME's penchant for thinking the rest of the world was as nice and honest as it was. All in all it was a far friendlier meeting than other recent ones.</p> <p>2. [] was still very tied up with his studies, and was feeling slightly down because his wife had taken off for Rome for a six month study course. He was planning at least two trips down to see her, which he has cleverly arranged to be financed by the institute as part of his research, but the first of these will not take place for another month.</p> <p>3. The most interesting news that he came up with was an account of the situation in the Soviet Study Group (see Reference D). (We have now heard the story from two sources, the other being [] and the two accounts differ rather significantly. If the following rundown appears to be confused it is due at least in part to the honest confusion of the two sources, both of whom admitted considerable ignorance.) According to () KALNINSH has been removed from his position of authority in the group. The reconstituted group has the backing of the <u>Expressen</u> editor Hans "WATTEANG", though it appears that his position will be more that of a figurehead than a real director. () had visited discussions, and had himself been asked to take a part in the group. He had declined because he did not like the personalities involved. () considered KALNINSH to be "fairly objective for a Balt" but not objective enough to run such a group, and he as much as said that the reason KALNINSH was ousted was because of this very factor. On the other hand he did not have anything good to say for the incoming secretaries of the new group, which included Alexander "MILITS" as "International secretary", and one name at which [] groped unsuccessfully for a few moments. We did not help him, since it was [] () was described by [] as "another guy like MILITS." () could not explain the apparent contradiction between the ousting of KALNINSH as a "non-objective" leader, and the election of a man like MILITS, whose rabid anti-Soviet feelings are well known and whose intellectual calibre is nowhere near that of KALNINSH. In his position of "International Secretary" he will have a key role, particularly as he will apparently be responsible for most if not all of the funding. The rest of the secretaries were all Balts with the exception of one or two Swedes. Regarding the financing of it, () was quite suspicious because MILITS was going to ask for money everywhere but in Sweden, the Ford Foundation being his first target. KALNINSH, who was present, volunteered the information that he had \$1,000 from the Beacon Foundation for the purpose at the moment, but this avenue was not followed up at the meeting. The group adopted a "maximum-minimum" program which was contingent on the amount of money it would receive. At the minimum they would continue to meet regularly and to present talks and papers. At the maximum they had a rather fanciful program of publications, radio broadcasts, etc.</p> <p>4. [] expressed some dismay at this turn of events, and informed [] that MILITS was possibly a member of ABENDON, if not acting (conceivably) on behalf of the West Germans as well (a suspicion which () has held).</p>			
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The dinner was honest enough, since any program run by MILITS is almost sure to take some action which the Swedish authorities will regard as a violation of their neutrality and will be suppressed as a result. This reasoning was not explained to () who for his part obviously thought it was our concern for Swedish neutrality per se. It is for this reason that he shared it. He asked one rather interesting question, namely any suspicion that MILITS was a Soviet agent. The reply was that there was no evidence he was anybody's agent, but that some suspicion always came down on persons who beat the drum too vehemently. () then volunteered to penetrate the group on our behalf by saying the offer of a position was still open. He was told that for the time being this would not be a good idea, though we would be interested in anything he could come up with on it. (The reasoning here is that the group will probably fall into disrepute along with all of its members if MILITS continues to be influential; on the other hand we would also not think much of it in the unlikely event that () gained a decisive position of influence, since he seems too far the other way. His chances of actually influencing the group are not too good anyway, considering the preponderance of "non-objective" Balts.

5. Later the same week (8 February) we had a meeting with () which will be reported on more thoroughly in another dispatch. His account of the meeting differed somewhat from that of (). In the first place he gave some interesting background which () had omitted (probably deliberately), though he is almost sure to have known of it. According to () Yuriy "BORIS" aka "BORIS" is the real instigator of the difficulty. BORIS has always been near to MIRDAL, and has in the past complained about the "non-objectivity" of KALWINSKI. To further his own ends BORIS got MIRDAL to pull unknown but strong strings to have the study group abolished so that he could then take over and reconstitute it. Unfortunately for him this effort only reached fruition when BORIS himself was extended in his one term teaching job in some FBPRIME College (see below) thus eliminating him from the jockeying for position which went on initially. For him the FBPRIME job was a tremendous step, since his relatively poor showing on his doctoral dissertation (The Sovietization of the Ukraine) had shut the doors to any high teaching job in Sweden. The FBPRIME job was only originally for one term, but it gave him status. He attended the meeting together with () (whom () described as "neutral - in the worst sense"), though () did not think that either one had been extended an invitation to the meeting. Both had circulated around buttonholing people and indicating that there was really no need for a Soviet study group at all in Sweden, and that it would be far better just to forget about it. (Like () on (), () had trouble with ()'s name, but volunteered to get it later. He was also under the mistaken impression that () had actually been picked as a secretary during the meeting. () himself had been offered a secretaryship but (contrary to ()'s version) had turned it down. KALWINSKI himself, though present at the meeting, had not taken a very active part. Actually most of those who had made up the former group had resigned from the group in protest at the removal of KALWINSKI and were still loyal to him. Accordingly, there was some question whether the new group could get off the ground at all. () who is now in contact primarily through a letter drop has been asked to provide a list of the members of the new group.

6. We hope Headquarters will forgive this somewhat longwinded account, but we have shared ()'s interest in the group even though the press of other business and Headquarters' warning re KALWINSKI have prevented any direct participation in the group so far. We are very much concerned by the turn of events which has placed a blatant Agit-Prop type like MILITS in such an influential position. We have nothing against AEGIDEON per se, but the chances are extremely good that MILITS will destroy the group through overplaying his hand. We will try to unravel the strings of this confused and somewhat messy situation before considering what action we could take to set the group back up on its feet. Apparently the financial contribution originally proposed by () was too little and too late.

7. In reviewing the files on BORIS aka BORIS we found that he once did have a cryptonym under the latter spelling, which is incorrect. Correspondence relating to this is no longer available in Stockholm. (We have not used the cryptonym here for security reasons) We also learned from HRFINCH files that he had a FBPRIME visa in 1961. This was under the auspices of an official exchange (judging by the visa category), and one of the officials who had once worked on such matters said that he remembered the case. At the time BORIS wanted to go to FBPRIME his application had been scrutinized carefully because of his background, and the official thought that KUBARK had been consulted

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<p> (our cards under both spellings reveal no indication that this had in fact been done). In any case we are forwarding Under Separate Cover the pertinent documents, which we find somewhat intriguing because of BORIS' birthplace in an area whose records must be thoroughly scrambled due to the various governments which have owned it. [] has not mentioned to the undersigned his acquaintance with BORIS, which is perhaps not too surprising since [] seems to concentrate mostly on those individuals whom he does not particularly like. For both these reasons we would appreciate Headquarters and COMNAVY traces on BORIS. In view of his interest in Ukrainian matters it is also possible that the ABCASSONARIES might have some information on him. In OS3A-12067, 20 December 1960, we note that he was the subject of an inquiry from [] but we have no indication of the followup if any on this. </p>		
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